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Chocolatier enjoys sweet success at world awards

A WEST Lancashire chocolatier has won two awards at the International Chocolate Awards World Finals.

Choc Amor was founded by husband and wife team Paul and Jacqui Williams in 2012 after Paul was made redundant from his job in corporate finance.

Since then the firm has gone on to win multiple awards including from the International Chocolate Awards, and is the only UK chocolatier to win a World Award for one of their chocolate bars in the new Special Chocolate Tasters category,

The International Chocolate Awards, established in 2012, is run by a group of independent partners based in the UK, Italy and the USA, with the aim of recognising excellence in fine chocolate making and in the products made with fine chocolate from around the world.

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Choc Amor's Paul Williams with his award winning chocolate.

CONCOURSE SHOPPERS EVACUATED FOLLOWING BLAZE SCARE

The Concourse is evacuated following a fire

Report by **Henry James**

BOSSES at the Concourse have spoken out to reassure residents about the safety of the shopping centre after the building had to be evacuated when a fire started in the basement of the complex.

Firefighters were called to the premises on Southway just after 2pm last Friday, (December 6).

A spokesman for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service said: "Four fire engines, including one from Ormskirk, two from Skelmersdale and one from Greater Manchester were called to the incident at the Concourse. The fire involved a recycling compactor in the basement of the shopping centre and the building was evacuated."

There were no casualties.

Following the drama, Gary Mitchell, centre manager of the Concourse, said staff put into place well-rehearsed evacuation procedures, which meant the centre was evacuated in just six minutes. No-one was hurt and the centre sustained no damage.

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‘Don’t forget your elderly, lonely neighbours this Christmas’ - plea

Report by **Henry James**

BREATHE Therapies, a not-for-profit mental health service, is urging communities in Lancashire to remember those less fortunate who may be facing Christmas alone this year.

The service says that more than half a million older people in the UK expect to feel lonely this Christmas and now is the time to ensure those affected are supported where possible.

Shelley Perry, clinical director of Breathe Therapies, said: “Christmas is a time for families and friends to come together and celebrate but for many this is a lonely, upsetting time that has the potential to trigger further loneliness and depression, particularly in the elderly.

“All too often, even if they do have family, the older generation can sadly become more of a burden over the Christmas period and this can be an upsetting realisation for many who still feel they are being left out in the cold and have no one to turn to for advice or support.”

Loneliness is on the increase across the UK with figures now showing that 3.6m older people in the UK live alone, of whom more than 2m are aged 75-plus. The survey from Age UK showed that 1.9m of these older people often feel ignored or invisible and that loneliness that can lead to a demise of both physical and mental health and subsequent increase in depression and even suicide throughout December and the New Year.

Shelley Perry: “Even the smallest gesture can make a difference.”

Breathe Therapies are asking communities to support a neighbour in need where possible - whether it’s giving a simple Christmas card over a coffee, offering to put up a small tree and decorations or hosting a neighbour for a meal over the festive period.

Shelley added: “Even the smallest gesture can put a smile on the face of someone who is lonely and that couldn’t be more important over the Christmas period. As an organisation that tries to ensure anyone experiencing a mental health, wellbeing issue, obesity or eating disorder can have access to the most appropriate help and treatments to overcome difficulties they may be facing, this is a topic very close to our hearts.

“Through this work, we also know some great community groups who even club together to host Christmas lunches for the elderly in village halls across the North West; so if you have a family member or members who are lonely and struggling with mental health that you feel would benefit, please contact your local community groups or church groups as there are people who can help ensure a fun, festive season for all this year.”

For further information or details of the services and treatments Breathe Therapies provide visit https://www.breathetherapies.co.uk/ or call 0800 088 3151.

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For more information about winter at Martin Mere, please visit our website: wwt.org.uk/martin-mere

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Second arrest follows collision which claimed two lives in Burscough

A SECOND man has been arrested as part of an investigation into the deaths of two men following a collision in Burscough which police say may have occurred during a race between stolen cars.

The 20-year-old man from Liverpool was arrested on Tuesday December 3 on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving, failing to stop at the scene of a collision and burglary. He has since been bailed pending further enquiries until Monday, December 23.

This follows the previous arrest of a 26-year-old man from Liverpool on Thursday November 28 on suspicion of the same offences. He was bailed pending further enquiries until Friday, December 27.

Conner Stevens.

Conner Stevens, 24, and Luke Peaurt-Moran, 18, both from the Sefton area, died after a collision three weeks ago (Wednesday, November 20) when a white Audi S1 collided with a wall, a telegraph pole and then a second wall on Moss Lane.

Conner, who was driving, died at the scene. Luke, who was the front seat passenger, was taken to Aintree Hospital but later died from the injuries he sustained.

The Audi, along with a red Fiat 500 Abarth, had been stolen during a burglary prior to the collision at an address in the Towngate area of Eccleston. The Fiat Abarth was later recovered on Valley Close in Crosby, Merseyside.

Lancashire Police continue to appeal for information about the incident but a spokesman has confirmed they are investigating whether the cars were racing each other. The spokesperson said he could not comment on whether there was a third car involved in the incident.

Luke and Conner's families have been informed of the arrests and continue to be supported by specially trained officers.

Anyone with information about the incident can call 101. Alternatively, independent charity Crimestoppers can be reached anonymously on 0800 555111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.

Chocolatier tastes success at awards

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The couple were honoured at the competition finals again this year at the awards ceremony in Antigua, Guatemala, winning a silver in the 'Milk chocolate bars with an infusion or flavouring' category for their Turkish Charm chocolate. They also earned a bronze in the Special Chocolate Tasters category (Dark chocolate bars with an infusion or flavouring) for their Kalamata Olive Oil chocolate.

Paul, who is 'Director of Innovations' at Choc Amor, said: "We are delighted to add a further two World Award Winners for our flavoured chocolate. We are extremely proud to be the only UK Chocolatier, firstly to be nominated and then to go on and win one of these very prestigious awards.

"As an independent chocolatier based in a small village in Lancashire, to win two such distinguished awards proves that hard work, a great team and determination are all that's needed and I hope it inspires others to do the same."

The judging panel for the International Chocolate Awards World Final was made up of members of a Grand Jury and international judges including Certified Tasters of the International Institute of Chocolate and Cacao Tasting, who travelled to Guatemala to judge the 1,000s of submissions from across the globe. The judges were joined by local chefs, journalists, bloggers and chocolate specialists.

Choc Amor produces small-batch, flavoured chocolate using only single-origin chocolate. It is made on-site at their studio at Cedar Farm in Mawdesley, where visitors can watch the chocolate being made.

Still time to stop landfill plan at beauty spot site, say campaigners

Report by **Henry James**

Campaigners from Stop Parbold Hill Landfill have been joined by Skelmersdale action group, Arrow North West in a bid to stop inert waste from being dumped at the West Lancashire beauty spot.

TIME is running out for campaigners to voice their objections to a West Lancashire beauty spot being used as a landfill site for inert waste..

Despite the site's developer offering to modify its plan to tip inert waste on land at Parbold Hill, residents opposed to the proposal say the changes do nothing to remove the 'blight and safety' concerns.

Residents have until Saturday, January 4, to give feedback on the application to Lancashire County Council. West Lancs Borough Council objected to the proposals earlier this year.

Among concerns should the plan go ahead are the number of lorries which would head for the site to dump the waste. Residents both local to the area and people from further afield who enjoy the stunning views Parbold Hill offers, have serious worries about a new proposed access at the brow of the already congested A5209.

There are also fears the beauty spot will be spoiled for years to come if dumping is allowed, although the firm behind the application - Maybrook Investments Ltd based in Worcestershire - have promised to return the land to its current condition and indeed improve the facilities now on offer.

Campaigners say the developers now want to landfill 125,000 tonnes of inert waste, as opposed to 500,000 tonnes previously stated, with around 10 trucks per hour on the busy A5209 - again, a reduction on the previous figure offered by the developer.

But Penny Walker, a resident of Wood Lane, Parbold, which is directly below the site, claimed: "The landfill already shows signs of slippage and movement. Because the tip is on a slope, piling more waste on the top will create more pressure at the bottom – making it more likely to slip.

"A further 125,000 tonnes on top makes it more dangerous for those of us living at the bottom. Remember Aberfan?"

They say the plan remains in conflict with greenbelt policy - 'since no special circumstances have been proven at the prominent location'.

Karen Hunter from Stop Parbold Hill Landfill, a campaign of Arrow North West, in Skelmersdale, said: "Landfilling is totally inappropriate in the greenbelt. There is nothing new in the plan that changes that. It still creates an eyesore."

Tipping more inert waste at the much-loved beauty spot will not stop water getting into the site, campaigners add, and is 'unlikely to solve the problem the developer has with toxic liquid waste known as leachate'.

The entrance for tipper trucks is now right next to the layby with five tipping bays, which protestors say will 'blight the view of the West Lancashire plain and the Welsh hills'.

Ms Hunter claimed: "The tipping bays will create noise, vibration and blight. The prevailing wind will blow the dust across the layby and nearby restaurant which sits at the top of the hill. The tables in the consultant's risk assessment shows the high risk at the top of the hill, but their conclusions contradict this and appear misleading.

"There is already extreme traffic congestion around junction 27 of the M6. A further envisaged 11,776 vehicle movements will increase the present traffic problem."

She added: "This application makes no attempt to alleviate long term problems at the site. This is just a quick fix. To object email the county council at DevCon@Lancashire.gov.uk quoting planning application LCC/2019/ 0028."

Thomas Smith at Peter Dickinson Architects, who are acting as the agents for the application, commented: "The revised application proposal is for essential site maintenance works.

"The applicant has worked closely with the Environment Agency, who have themselves highlighted the site as requiring remedial works to ensure that it is safe and manageable. The revised proposal does just this. There are no concerns regarding land slippage as a result of the restoration works, as the proposals have been considered thoroughly, with significant detail provided within the application documents.

"It should be reiterated that the proposed works are essential for the long term sustainability and safe management of the site and that the restoration operations will only have a very short term impact.

"The anticipated number of vehicles, approximately 10 per hour, shall have almost no impact on existing traffic levels. The applicants have also offered to improve highway safety, by funding the lowering of the speed limit over Parbold Hill, if required."

Mr Smith added: "I would also state that the development is not landfill. It is the restoration of a site that has been identified by the Environment Agency as requiring essential works."

Concourse chiefs reassure shoppers after fire drama

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"There was a small fire, which was contained within a waste receptacle in the basement, and the fire service dealt with it swiftly, which meant we were allowed back into the centre after two hours," he said.

"I'm pleased to report that no-one was hurt and that the evacuation process went exactly to plan, smoothly and without incident.

"I can reassure shoppers that this was an isolated incident that was dealt with promptly. The safety of our customers and tenants is of the utmost importance to us and I'd like to thank everyone for their co-operation on the day." The walk-in centre at the Concourse and West Lancashire Borough Council's Customer Service Point, also in the shopping centre, had to be closed during the evacuation, but re-opened later that day.

Jeanette McConkey's grandson has the Pretty Little Things unit in the Concourse. She said: "My grandson stunk of smoke when he came home.

She claimed: "The tannoy announcement just told everyone to leave, it never mentioned a fire. People were standing outside for ages in the rain, and some people sheltered in McDonald's."

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County police join in crackdown on traffic in 'weapons by post'

Knives, swords, imitation firearms, knuckle dusters, batons and a taser included in haul

Report by **Kenny Parker**

POLICE in Lancashire have teamed up with colleagues from five other forces in the North West and partner agencies to tackle knife crime by intercepting suspicious packages being sent in both domestic and international postage channels.

Over the past month, working closely with the Regional Organised Crime Unit and the National Crime Agency, as well as sorting offices and Border Force, officers have recovered a total of 116 knives, swords and other offensive weapons as part of Operation Siren,

28 of the 116 items, which were ordered online and sent to residents across the North West, were linked to addresses in Lancashire. Many of the bladed articles were disguised and labelled as something altogether different.

Chief Inspector Steven Anderton, from Lancashire Constabulary's Violence Reduction Unit, said: "This operation highlights the fantastic collaborative work of six police forces and our partner agencies to tackle the importation of weapons that could be used to seriously harm members of our communities. We have identified where those packages were intended to land, and have made extensive enquiries into their intended use and issued written warnings to those vendors.

"As a result, we have seized a number of additional weapons including imitation firearms, further knuckle dusters and martial arts swords, batons and incapacitating red dyes. One such member has had his shotgun licence revoked as a result of our enquiries.

Some of the knives and assorted other weapons intercepted during Operation Siren.

"We will continue local initiatives such as stop and search, educational visits and will respond robustly to community concerns. And we will continue to work closely with border forces and partner agencies to intercept packages containing offensive weapons in a bid to tackle knife crime. Let this be a warning to anyone who considering purchasing weapons online that these packages will be intercepted and destroyed, and we will continue to come down hard on those who break the law."

Among other weapons seized were hunting and butterfly knives, throwing and skinning knives, swords hidden in walking sticks and a taser device disguised as a car fob.

The other police forces involved were Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Merseyside, Cumbria and North Wales.

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WEST Lancs council is giving motorists two free hours of parking in Ormskirk town centre this Christmas to help them save money while they shop and socialise.

From now, up to and including Tuesday, December 24, drivers who pay £1 to park for three hours will receive an additional two hours free parking. This includes all council- run car parks in the town centre except for the one on Derby Street.

A spokesperson for the council said: "If you are planning to meet friends for lunch or a coffee for a Christmas catch up and fancy browsing around, you can now spend more time enjoying everything Ormskirk has to offer."

Motorists should check car park signage to make sure it is a council-controlled car park and display the valid ticket they have paid for.

Notices explaining the offer will be on display. The two extra free hours will not be shown on the ticket. The council's Civil Parking Enforcement Officers are aware of the offer and will allow for the extra two hours.

Parking is free of charge on council-controlled car parks in Ormskirk town centre on Sundays and Bank Holidays throughout the year.

Co-operative Bank staff with their donations for The Whitechapel Centre in Liverpool

Bank staff from Delf House collect donations for Whitechapel Homeless Centre

COLLEAGUES from The Co-operative Bank in Delf House in Skelmersdale have been busy collecting donations for The Whitechapel Centre in Liverpool.

Samantha McGarrity, a social media advocate for the bank, arranged the collection and said: "This time of year really makes me appreciate the comfort and security of my own home but it also makes me think of those that don't have a warm, safe home to return to. We really wanted to do something to help the most vulnerable in our community."

The Whitechapel Homeless Centre in Liverpool is open 365 days a year and they're expecting around 100 people to join them on Christmas Day this year.

They offer a drop-in every morning for people sleeping rough, where breakfast, showers and laundry facilities are available.

They provide crisis intervention, primary health care, mental health support and a daily activity programme to support training and employment.

Last year they worked with 4,025 people to end or prevent their homelessness. They need donations of warm clothing, toiletries, food and Christmas items.

Donations have been pouring in to Delf House and the support from colleagues at the bank has been overwhelming. Beverley Hayman, a colleague at the bank, said: "We've really stepped up and made a difference to our local community by pulling together as a group."

The donations have been delivered to the Whitechapel Centre in Liverpool, who said: "We want to say a huge, heartfelt thank you."

Royal British Legion raises £595 with Christmas Concert

THE Southport branch of the Royal British Legion boosted their funds by £595 with a special Christmas concert event at the weekend.

More than 80 guests enjoyed a performance by the Skelmersdale Prize Band, led by musical director Ben Coulson at the Prince of Wales Hotel on Lord Street on Sunday, December 8. Guests were treated to a medley of songs, including Jingle Bells, Sweet Chiming Bells, Away in a Manger and We Wish You a Merry Christmas as well as tea, coffee, mince pies and a raffle.

Organiser Lynda Clarke said: "We intend to do it again next year as everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. The Royal British Legion Southport Branch would like to thank the Skelmersdale Prize Band for a such a brilliant performance."

Jack Gilmore (Conservative)

Rosie Cooper (Labour)

Simon Thomson (Liberal Democrats)

John Puddifer (Green Party)

Marc Stanton (Brexit Party)

Election hopefuls are all set for polling day

AS the country goes to the polls in the first December General Election since 1923 here is a reminder of who is battling for your vote here in the West Lancashire constituency.

Contesting the seat are five candidates. They are Labour's Rosie Cooper, who is bidding to be elected for a fifth time; Jack Gilmore for the Conservatives; Simon Thomson for the Liberal Democrats; John Puddifer for the Green Party, and Marc Stanton for the Brexit Party.

Voting takes place tomorrow (Thursday) when polling stations across the borough will open at 7am until 10pm.

The last General Election was held in 2017 which resulted in neither the Conservative or Labour parties having enough seats to form a majority government (the Conservatives had previously held a majority).

The Conservatives formed a partnership with the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) in order to form a government.

Since the election, the Conservatives and Labour have both lost MPs, while the Liberal Democrats have made gains. Conservative Party leader Boris Johnson has called for the election in the hope of regaining a majority, and to 'get Brext done'.

In the case of emergency – such as through admission to hospital or being called away for work purposes – you can still vote through the emergency proxy vote. To vote by emergency proxy download a form at website www.electoralcommission.org.uk(search 'I am a voter' and then 'voting by proxy').

Return competed application forms by email to electors@sefton.gov.uk by 5pm on Thursday, December 12.

Man, 52, is charged with threatening to kill West Lancashire politician

A MAN has been charged with threatening to kill Rosie Cooper, West Lancs MP before the recent General Election was called.

The 52-year-old is also accused of threatening to kill then MP for Birmingham Yardley, Jess Phillips, and sending a malicious communication to former Prime Minister Theresa May.

The incident is not related to an earlier case in which a Skelmersdale man pleaded guilty to planning to kill Ms Cooper.

Regarding the latest charge, a spokesperson for West Midlands Police, said: "A man was charged on Wednesday, December 4 with malicious communications and letters containing threats to kill sent to then MPs Rosie Cooper and Jess Phillips between May 2019 and November 2019, and sending malicious communications to the then Prime Minister Theresa May in September 2018.

"The man charged is a serving prisoner at HMP Birmingham, Rakeem Malik. He has been charged with four counts of threats to kill and two counts of malicious communication. The 52-year-old will appear at Birmingham Magistrates Court on January 6, 2020."

A 23-year-old man from Skellmersdale was jailed for life in May after pleading guilty to planning to kill Ms Cooper and making threats to kill Lancashire Police Detective Constable Victoria Henderson.

The plot was foiled by whistleblower and former National Action member, Robbie Mullen, who was secretly passing information to anti-racism charity Hope not Hate, which in turn informed police.

Ms Cooper who is standing again to be the MP for West Lancashire told the Champion she is unable to comment while proceedings are ongoing.

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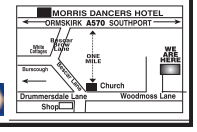

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Harry set to be new president of Lancs Union of Golf Clubs

Report by **Henry James**

A GOLFING stalwart who had a hand in setting up a junior league which produced top tour players, is set to become the new County President of the Lancashire Union of Golf Clubs.

Harry Tunnicliffe has been the chairman of the Southport and District Golf Association since 2003 and will celebrate 50 years as a member of the West Lancashire Golf Club in 2020, having been Captain of the club in 2000.

He joined the executive of the Southport and District Golf Association where he set up and ran the Junior Section League for nine years. The association has produced several tour players including Lee Slattery, Matthew Baldwin and of course Tommy Fleetwood.

Harry was born in Southport in 1946, moving to Blundellsands in 1970 and more recently locating to Formby. He attended King George V Grammar School in Southport and represented the school at cricket and rugby.

Harry Tunnicliffe

He married Liz in 1970 and the couple have three children – Chris, Helen and Caroline and three grandchildren (One of whom - now eight - has already had a hole in one playing a competition at the Formby Hall par three course – he was six at the time).

On leaving school Harry joined Mersey Docks & Harbour Company. He is a Bachelor of Engineering, a member of the British Computer Society, and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Transport (MCIT). He ran a successful IT services company for nearly 20 years until in 1996 he was asked to run the European subsidiary of a US organisation, where he stayed for five years, spending time in the US and travelling extensively in Europe.

Harry has lectured all over the world on a number of IT related subjects and has had a number of papers published in business journals.

Prior to taking up golf, Harry represented Southport Schoolboys in goal and went on to join Southport FC as an amateur. He made many appearances for the reserve team and one appearance at senior level. He also played in goal for the Mersey Docks & Harbour Team for many years before suffering a knee injury and taking up golf more seriously.

He joined the West Lancashire Golf Club in 1970 - his lowest handicap being three, which has slowly moved up to 10, as age and health have caught up with him.

He was a regular member of the WLGC scratch team for many years and team captain for four years. During this time the team won The Beacon Championship (twice), the Selwyn Lloyd Rosebowl (for the first time) and the Southport & District league title.

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Stephen Grimes, Joel Dowling and right, Joel Maguire

Town's 'most wanted' pair are jailed for affray in pub

Men threw pint glasses and chairs and threatened customer with knife

Report by **Henry James**

TWO men labelled 'Skelmersdale's most wanted' have been handed prison sentences.

Stephen Grimes and Joel Dowling, both of no fixed address, pleaded guilty at Preston Crown Court last Thursday (November 28) to affray relating to an incident at the Elmridge Arms in the town's Tanhouse district.

During the incident on Saturday, September 14 Grimes and Dowling threw pint glasses and chairs around the pub before trying to punch and threaten a man with a knife.

Dowling was handed a 10-month custodial sentence, while Grimes was sentenced to eight months in custody.

They were also both handed exclusion orders prohibiting them from entering the Elmridge Arms for two years.

Additionally, the pair, along with 19-year-old Joel Maguire, of Fairlie, Birch Green, were subjected to a gang injunction at Liverpool Crown Court the following day, having previously been subject to an interim order granted in September.

This means that the trio are not allowed to communicate with each other, as well as a list of eight other associates.

Restrictions have also been put in place preventing the men engaging in any abusive, threatening or intimidating conduct, threatening to use or encouraging others to use violence, as well as congregating in a public place in a group of two or more people.

They are also not permitted to be in a vehicle with two or more people in the West Lancashire area, the exception being if Maguire is travelling to or from work. This injunction will still be in place when Grimes and Dowling are released from prison.

A spokesman for Skelmersdale Police commented on their social media page: "Thanks for your ongoing support to help us find this pair and bring them to justice."

County had highest number of drink drivers in the NW, new report reveals

LANCASHIRE had the highest number of drink-drivers in the North West last year, according to the latest report by a national insurance firm with an increase on the year before.

Amanda Stretton, motoring editor at Confused.com, revealed that in Lancashire, a total of 1,348 drivers were caught drink-driving in 2017, a figure that increased to 1,362 in 2018.

A Freedom of Information request made recently by the firm revealed a total of 4,254 motorists were caught drink-driving in the North West last year, including 401 in December alone.

Amanda Stretton said: "With many of us enjoying celebrations with friends and family, we need to clue up on the drink-drive laws, as it's clear so many people are taking the risk and driving after a drink. Sometimes even one drink is enough to push us over the limit.

Confusing

"Surprisingly, the morning after seems to be a prime time for drink-drivers - but how long do we need to wait before we can drive? Working out units versus hours passed is confusing at the best of times, so we've released our morning after calculator on our website (www.confused.com) to help drivers to estimate correctly when you should be safe to drive.

"Ultimately, jumping behind the wheel after a drink is putting yourself and other road users at risk. Not only this but it can land you with a fine or driving ban. If you're drinking, don't drive. If you're driving, don't drink."

Trudie Williams with Nik Wyers joint MD of the Floorbrite Group and Dave Warburton the company's Environmental Business manager

Trudie pips her rivals to land 'Green Apple' environment award

STAFF from a waste and recycling division of a facilities management company headed up by Trudie Williams from Skelmersdale, picked up two prizes at the 2019 International Green Apple Environment Awards at the Houses of Parliament.

The employees from Manchester-based The Floorbrite Group knew they were receiving a Gold Green Apple Award for Environmental Innovation, but they were surprised when they also received an extra prize, a Best In Field award for their continued Environmental Acquirements.

Trudie said: "We did know we were getting the Green Apple Award for Environmental Innovation, but did not know if it was Gold.

"The Best in Field award was a surprise, and we are very pleased to receive it. It just shows how our commitment to continue to support and encourage our staff and customers to focus on increasing awareness of the environment by recycling, is paying off."

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Cheers! Booths wins Spirits Supermarket of the Year accolade

BOOTHS has been crowned Spirits Supermarket of the Year 2019 at the International Wine and Spirit Competition.

The family-owned independent retailer which has branches in Burscough and Hesketh Bank, beat tough competition from major rivals from the UK and worldwide - including Aldi, Lidl and M&S - to secure top spot.

Judges commented that "focusing on what customers like, as well as having a keen eye on current and future trends" set Booths apart from the rest.

Now in its 50th year, the International Wine and Spirit Competition lays claim to being the longest-running wine and spirits competition in the world and setting the international benchmark for quality. The awards, held at Guildhall, London, are judged by an expert panel across all areas of the food and drink industry.

Pete Newton, Beer and Spirits Buyer at Booths, said: "As a small-scale retailer up against multi-national retail chains, it is an absolute honour to win such a prestigious award. We have an expansive and eclectic range of more 350 spirits including over 100 gins, 100 whiskies and a number locally-produced artisan spirits born out of the northern counties we call home - Lancashire, Cheshire, Cumbria, and Yorkshire. We work hard to support local, emerging drinks producers giving our customers a true taste of the region."

The company was also a finalist in the Wine Supermarket of the Year, narrowly missing out by finishing runner-up to Waitrose.

Pete Newton from Booths with the Spirits Supermarket of the Year award.

How to avoid being laid low by norovirus

HEALTH chiefs are advising the public to be on their guard against a particularly nasty 'visitor' this winter.

Norovirus, one of the most common stomach bugs in the UK, is also called the 'winter vomiting bug' as that's when it is most prevalent, although you can catch it at any time of the year.

Dr Neil Haslam, deputy medical director at Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Norovirus is pretty nasty and can make people feel very ill. However, most do not need hospital care and you can help protect yourself from catching it. It is really important to wash your hands properly with warm soapy water and to sanitise surfaces to limit the spread of germs.

"If you do have norovirus, ensure you drink plenty of fluids, take paracetamol for any fever, aches and pains, and get plenty of rest. Stay at home to limit the spread to others and don't share towels, cups or sheets.

"And if you're experiencing symptoms of norovirus and have relatives in hospital, please don't visit them to prevent the spread of infection to patients on our wards."

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Northern begins to phase out Pacers

First three 'retired' but end of line for all ageing units can't come soon enough for passengers!

Report by **Henry James**

One of the ageing Pacer units that are finally being retired.

NORTHERN has said a permanent goodbye to the first three Pacers to leave the network for good.

The much-maligned trains - converted Leyland buses - are frequently used on the West Lancashire Line between Southport and Manchester and the Ormskirk to Preston route.

But removal of the ageing units has finally got underway with Northern claiming three have been returned to owning company Angel Trains - with the promise of more to follow in the coming weeks.

By the end of the year the company says that just over half of the remaining Pacers will be removed from customer service, with only a handful remaining. The 'retired' Pacers will be stored at a depot in Worksop before being broken down for scrap.

Initially introduced by British Rail as a short-term measure, some Pacers have been operating across the north of England for almost 35 years.

David Brown, Northern's managing director, said: "We're delighted to be delivering on our commitments of removing Pacers from customer service and, at the same time, introducing 101 brand-new trains.

"Whilst pacers have served the north well, we know that they are old, outdated and not popular with our customers. For these reasons, when we won the right to operate the franchise in 2016, we developed plans to remove them all from service.

"At least 55 of the 102 Pacers will be permanently retired by the end of this year, with the remainder all gone by May next year."

Despite continuing criticism from passengers about the reliability of their services, Northern's bosses maintain they are "transforming our business and service to customers with a £600m investment in brand new and refurbished trains - and improvements at stations."

Kevin Tribley, CEO of Angel Trains, said: "The first three Pacer trains coming off-lease from Northern marks the company's move to replacing the entire fleet and its commitment to improving customer service and experience."

However, that clearly didn't wash with angry commuters who held a rush-hour protest at Manchester's Victoria station last Thursday (December 5) calling for Northern to be stripped of its franchise.

People holding signs and banners gathered outside the station for the protest arranged by campaign group Northern Resist.

The group has called for a 'reliable, safe and punctual rail service', 'rolling stock that is fit for purpose' and a 'reduction of fares until Northern hits a punctuality target of 70% of all trains on time'.

Northern, which is run by Arriva Rail North, reported a sharp rise in cancellations in November.

Members of Skelmersdale Cricket Club by their new electronic scoreboard

Skem Cricket Club buys a new electronic scoreboard after £7,500 community fund award

PREPARATIONS for the 2020 season are well underway - despite it being winter - at Skelmersdale Cricket Club in the form of a new electronic scoreboard.

It's the latest feature to the facilities offered as the club continues its partnership with Lancashire Cricket Board as a hub for Lancashire Junior Cricket.

Deserving groups in the latest funding round each shared a windfall of £133,267, taking the total amount now distributed through the Whitemoss Community Fund in the local area to more than £660,000. Skelmersdale Cricket Club was able to purchase a digital scoreboard, thanks to a grant of £7,500.

A spokesman for the Skelmersdale Cricket Club said: "The club would like to thank the Whitemoss Community Fund for their generous grant to facilitate the purchase.

"Skelmersdale field two strong senior teams on Saturdays during the season and have junior teams from under nines through to under eighteens.

"New players are always welcome - adult winter nets start in February at St Bede's Catholic High School, Ormskirk, and junior winter nets and Skelmersdale Ladies winter nets start in January. Please see the website and Facebook page for further details."

Funding for the Whitemoss Community Fund is provided via the Whitemoss landfill site in Skelmersdale through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Veolia, a resource management company, acquired Whitemoss Landfill in January 2019.

The next application deadline is December 11 (decisions February 2020). Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 are available for community projects in the funding area. Projects need to be located anywhere within a five-mile radius of the Whitemoss landfill site in Skelmersdale.

Ex Services Association

WE have been asked to point out that the recent collections on behalf of the Poppy Appeal at the Concourse shopping centre were organised by members of the Skelmersdale Ex Services Association and not the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association, as previously stated.

Also, a party at the Abbey Wood Lodge Care Home in Ormskirk to celebrate its fifth birthday and improved CQC rating and held to coincide with Armistice Day was attended by members of the Skelmersdale Ex Services Association and not, as reported, by the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association.

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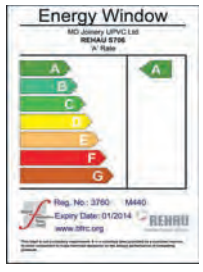

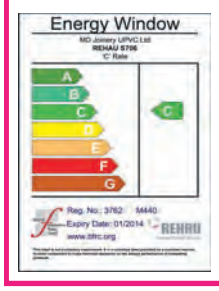

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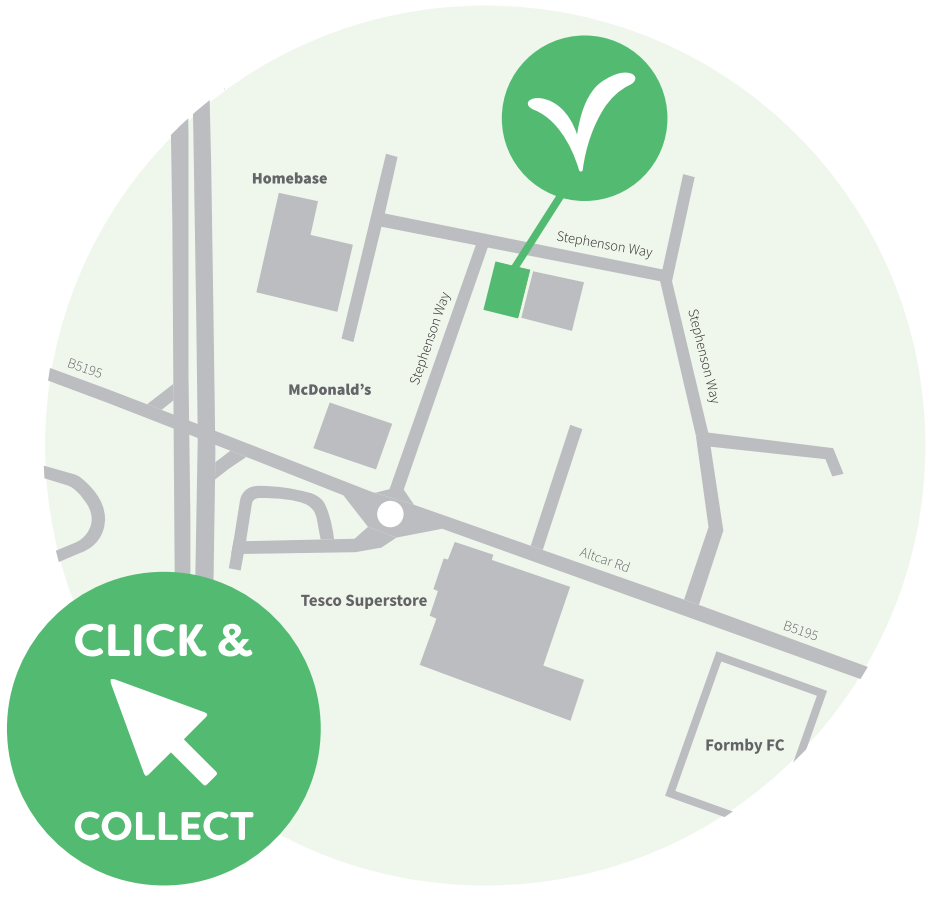

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Campaigners call for 'Hillsborough Law'

Letter urges political leaders to introduce new legislation to 'protect ordinary people against state'

HILLSBOROUGH campaigners have urged political leaders to introduce a new law to create a "level playing field" when bereaved families oppose the state in court battles.

Chair of the Hillsborough Family Support Group, Margaret Aspinall, as well as Liverpool City Region Mayor Steve Rotheram and Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham, have penned an open letter calling for a change in the judicial system. Addressed to Boris Johnson, Jeremy Corbyn and Jo Swinson, it calls for the introduction of a 'Hillsborough Law' to give better legal powers to "ordinary people" taking on public bodies or the state in court.

The letter comes after the match commander on the day, David Duckenfield, was found not guilty of gross negligence manslaughter at a retrial into the deaths of 95 of the 96 children, women and men who lost their lives at the FA Cup semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest on April 15, 1989.

They wrote: "From what we have witnessed first-hand, we can only conclude that the English legal system simply does not work for bereaved families, particularly when they are up against public bodies or the state. It is impersonal, insensitive and emphatically not a level playing field.

Chair of the Hillsborough Family Support Group, Margaret Aspinall.

"For bereaved families, walking into an English court is akin to walking into a casino - where money and connections talk and where the odds are heavily stacked against them before proceedings have even started.

"As we have seen, the different legal proceedings - Public Inquiry, prosecutions and inquests - are not connected, so each successive process can seek to undermine previous findings, however clear and exhaustively reached. This puts families through torture each and every time."

They also compare the Hillsborough families' fight for justice to those affected by the Grenfell Towers tragedy, those who lost loved ones on Bloody Sunday in 1972 and the Birmingham pub bombings in 1974.

The letter states: "The parallels between these cases are clear and the common denominator is a flawed system which simply does not protect the interests of ordinary people when thrown into tragic circumstances.

"This shames our country. So we are writing to ask whether, if you are Prime Minister, you will address this matter by introducing the Hillsborough Law which seeks to make the legal system a level playing field for bereaved families. Amongst other things, the Public Authority (Accountability) Bill places a duty of candour on all public officials and requires parity of legal funding for bereaved families with public bodies. It fell at the 2017 Election and has not yet been reintroduced. We want to hear a commitment from you that you will do that.

"While this won't change the verdict in this case, it will at least be of some comfort to the Hillsborough families for it to be recognised by the country that the failure is not theirs, but of an overly hierarchical and adversarial system which is in need of fundamental reform."

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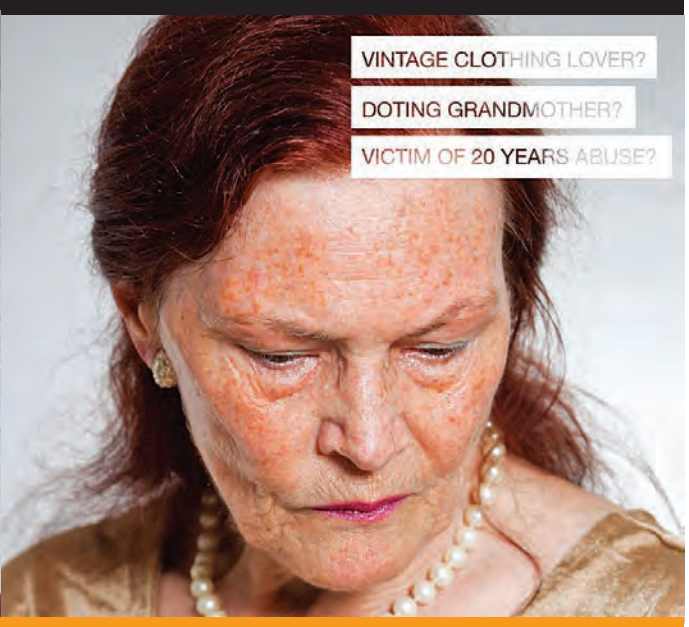

What is Gender based violence and why is it important?

Gender based violence is a phenomenon deeply rooted in gender and equality, and continues to be one of the most notable human rights violations within all societies. Gender-based violence is violence directed against a person because of their gender. Both women and men experience gender based violence but the majority of victims are women and girls

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TIP #8

THINK ABOUT YOUR OWN COMMITMENT

Ask yourself: What is acceptance to you and those you love?

TIP #9

SEEK SUPPORT FROM PEERS

See what others people think in your friendship groups or group chats. You can ask 'Is anyone else uncomfortable with that joke?' or 'anyone else think that was inappropriate?'

TIP #10

TAKE ACTION ONLINE

Call out disrespectful comments and photos

TIP #11

ENCOURAGE OTHER PEOPLE TO TAKE ACTION

Remind others that silence is part of the problem. Try not to be a bystander.

TIP #12

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Awards evening celebrates the county's best business partners

Report by **Henry James**

THE first awards evening hosted by Edge Hill's Productivity and Innovation Centre brought together some of the finest SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) and business partners from across Lancashire.

Pro vice-chancellor Professor George Talbot welcomed 96 guests to celebrate the significant progress and improvements businesses had made since completing the university's unique Innovation Sprint Programme, designed to help businesses develop strategies for profitable growth.

Professor Simon Bolton, creator of the programme, said: "Our inaugural business awards are a testament to Lancashire's most ambitious SMEs. Following completion of our 2018-19 programme, the businesses have implemented significant change within their organisations, which has resulted in profitable growth. We are delighted to share in their success."

Prior to the awards began, guests heard from Danny Simpson, CEO of MID Communications Ltd., who described his career journey and how his passion and determination drove him to achieve and build his business to the success it is today. He is head of the largest independent franchise of Telefonica O2 UK, providing both B2B and B2C services across 17 retail stores throughout the North West and a business centre based in Rochdale.

Business development manager for the PIC, Michael Banford, announced the awards, including Outstanding SME Award winner Home Instead West Lancashire and Chorley.

Director Gail Godson, said: "Winning the award was a total and utter shock, we couldn't believe it. The entire awards evening was wonderful, being surrounded by so many successful Lancashire-based entrepreneurs and business any one of which could have been chosen as worthy Outstanding SME Award winners.

SME Awards Gail Godson, Prof Simon Bolton, MD of Home Instead Robert Godson

"Being rated by our regulator, the Care Quality Commision, as outstanding is a credit to the skills, dedication and professionalism of all our wonderful staff, but to now be recognised as an Outstanding SME by EHU PIC, academia and the wider business community is simply amazing."

During the evening guests also took part in a silent auction to win a range of prizes to raise funds for Derian House Children's Hospice in Chorley, a charity that Professor Simon Bolton has fund-raised for by taking part in five 5K runs over five weeks.

To date, PIC has raised more than £1,400 for the hospice.

Other awards presented on the night included the Technology Innovation Award, Product or Service Innovation Award, Business Model Innovation Award and Growth and Business Award.

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Yo-ho-*NO*! Christmas jumper craze is bad for the planet, warns environment charity

'TIS the season... to get out your wackiest Christmas jumper!

But, beware, if you want to help save the planet and environmental issues are close to your heart, you should be aware that most Christmas jumpers expected to be sold in the UK this year are made with plastic, a study has found.

Environmental charity Hubbub has warned against buying the seasonal garments after finding that up to 95% of them are made using plastic.

The charity is urging those of you who do want to wear a festive jumper, to buy them second-hand or swap old ones with friends.

The warning comes ahead of Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day, on Friday, December 13.

The event sees tens of thousands of schools and workplaces across the UK take part by encouraging people to wear a festive jersey.

The charity urges participants to wear their daftest Christmas jumpers and donate £2 each. It estimates UK shoppers will buy 12 million festive jumpers this year, despite already owning 65 million from previous years.

A spokeswoman for Hubbub described the Christmas jumper as 'one of the worst examples of fast fashion' and warned that such consumer habits are a 'major threat' to the planet.

In a survey of more than 3,000 UK adults, the charity found that two-fifths of the festive tops are worn just once during the Christmas period. The survey also suggested that one in three people under 35 buy a new sweater every year, while only 29% of shoppers know that most Christmas jumpers contain plastic.

Festive sweaters 'one of the worst examples of fast fashion' and 'major threat to the planet' says campaign group Hubbub

Beware planet-theatening Christmas jumpers

Hubbub analysed 108 jumpers available to buy this year from 11 High Street and online retailers, and found that 95% were made wholly or partly of plastic materials.

Three-quarters of the garments tested contained acrylic, making it the most commonly used plastic fibre. Some 44% were made entirely from acrylic. In 2016, a study by Plymouth University found that acrylic was responsible for releasing nearly 730,000 microfibres per wash - five times more than polyester-cotton blend fabric, and nearly 1.5 times as many as pure polyester.

In a statement, Hubbub project co-ordinator Sarah Divall said fast fashion is a 'major threat' to the natural world, adding that 'Christmas jumpers are particularly problematic as so many contain plastic'.

"We'd urge people to swap, buy second-hand or re-wear - and remember a jumper is for life, not just for Christmas," she said.

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Help us to help people living with cancer by becoming a Macmillan supporter this Christmas

WHILE most of us are looking forward to Christmas, for people living with cancer, it can be a very different story. The physical effects of the illness and side effects of treatment may leave them feeling unwell and fatigued, and unable to join in the festivities as they normally would.

They may also be plagued by worries that they struggle to explain to their loved ones.

Some people may be worried about how the next round of chemotherapy will affect their body or how their income has dropped since their diagnosis. For others they may be distressed that they can't muster the energy to prepare or enjoy Christmas dinner as they normally would.

Around 680 people are diagnosed with cancer each year in West Lancashire, turning their lives completely upside down. Macmillan knows that cancer doesn't stop at Christmas, and that's why we're right there all year round.

The free Macmillan Support Line (0808 808 0000) will be providing support over the holidays between 8am and 5pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and 9am and 5pm on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. You can also access the Macmillan Online Community 24/7 at macmillan.org.uk to share your experiences and concerns with other people affected by cancer.

Macmillan receives almost no government funding, so without the public's generous help, we simply can't be there for those who need us.

A donation of £5 a month until next Christmas could help run a small Macmillan information and support centre for two hours, helping people affected by cancer to find information and support. Around £30 could pay for one Macmillan nurse for an hour, helping people living with cancer and their families receive essential medical, practical and emotional support.

To find out more about becoming a supporter this Christmas, please visit macmillan.org.uk/christmas2019.

Lisa Wild,
area fundraising manager,
Cumbria & Lancashire
Macmillan Cancer Support.

PICTURE of the week

READER Sue McAuley kindly submitted this picture which she captioned 'Sunrise in Up Holland'.

If you would like to forward a photo to be considered for our Picture of the Week slot, you can simply email it to editorial@champnews.com.

Please remember to include your name, the area where you live and brief caption details to accompany your photographs.

Although we are unable to publish ALL the photos we receive, we do acknowledge and very much appreciate your contributions.

Fearful for future of health service

I NOTICE Lancashire County Council has awarded £104m of NHS contracts to Virgin Care for child health services. Virgin Care also run local walk-in centres and now I find GP services fully engaged with the privatisation of our NHS.

I needed an appointment for an ultra sound yet without telling me I had a preference, my GP automatically assumed my appointment was going to be with Virgin Care.

I said: "I don't want to use Virgin Care, I want the NHS." He then searched into the bowels of his computer to find the NHS paperwork but because I had chosen the NHS, I had to make my own appointment.

This was fine by me because I got an earlier appointment for Ormskirk Hospital, but what I find deeply worrying about this scenario is that my GPs are actively engaged in privatising GP practices and services by stealth.

My dad used to say: 'Your health is everything' and now I am elderly I know exactly what he meant.

When Johnson and Trump announce they are not interested in privatising our NHS, I can't help but worry. Trump is on the verge of being impeached and Johnson has even lied to the Queen. Lying has now become normalised in politics, or maybe it has been there all the time.

Nye Bevan said the NHS will last as long as people have the faith to fight for it but it's going to be difficult, especially with unelected people making deals behind closed doors.

Anyone with children or grandchildren should rightly fear for their future.

Chris Carr,
Little Digmoor, Skelmersdale.

Thanks for all your support, folks

I HOPE that you can print this letter of thanks to the following businesses, organisations and individuals for their support of the 1st Skelmersdale Methodist Scout Group over the last 12 to 18 months.

The Co-op Stores Good Causes (Skelmersdale, Up Holland and Ormskirk) and their members; Heyes Opticians (Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Burscough); The Jungle Children's Activity Centre (Westgate, Skem); Wilkinsons (Concourse); Park Children's Centre (Barnes Rd, Skem); St Richards RC Primary School and Brookfield Park Primary School; B&M (Ormskirk Store); the Champion Newspaper; the Barber Family for their long-standing support and the Forces Vet for his generous donation.

Also, thanks to all those parents who support their child's group by taking part in fundraising events and the two parades that take place each year, Remembrance Sunday and St George's Day.

Without your help the leaders would find it difficult to arrange all the activities during the Scout year.

On behalf of everyone involved with the group, we wish all your readers a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous 2020.

Charlie Cavaghan,
Group Scout Leader.

Volunteers with vans wanted to lend a helping hand with charity's Christmas tree recycling service

OFFICIALS at the Rainbow Hub are seeking volunteers with vans to help with their Christmas tree recycling service.

Following the success of the initiative last year, the Mawdesley-based charity (formerly Rainbow House) which provides life-changing therapies for children and young adults with physical and neurological disabilities, will once again be inviting residents to have their Christmas trees recycled for a suggested minimum donation of £10 per tree. A team of volunteer collectors and vans will collect trees on Saturday and Sunday, January 11 and 12, from a wide area surrounding the charity's base in postcodes PR6, PR7, PR25, PR26, WN6, WN8, L39 and L40, which includes Ormskirk, Scarisbrick, Hesketh Bank, and Skelmersdale.

Tree collections can be booked between Monday, December 9 and Tuesday, January 7 online at www.rainbowhub.org or by phone on 01704 823276.

All donations will go towards Rainbow Hub's ongoing work to support children and young people.

Anyone with a suitable vehicle and a little time to spare to assist with the collections is asked to contact Emma Parish on 01704 823276.

The rebranding of Rainbow House followed months of discussions and research which showed that it was often confused with children's hospices and respite centres.

A photo taken last year of tree recycling volunteers and children from Rainbow Hub (then Rainbow House).

Residents urged to plan ahead to ensure supply of prescriptions over festive period

Health chiefs advise those with long-term conditions to use Patient Access service

Report by **Henry James**

Dr John Caine.

LOCAL health officials are advising residents in West Lancashire to plan ahead with their repeat prescriptions by using the Patient Access service.

With Christmas fast approaching, people with long-term health conditions, such as asthma, angina, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and diabetes, are being reminded not to leave it too late to get their repeat prescriptions and only order what they need.

Many GP surgeries will be closed on the bank holidays over Christmas and New Year, so people are urged to think about the medication they will need before the festive period begins.

To help residents manage and order their repeat prescriptions, the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is encouraging residents to use Patient Access.

Patient Access is available free of charge either online on the website www.patientaccess.com or as a free smartphone app (simply search 'patient access' in the app store). Patient Access can also be used to make GP appointments.

'Easier'

Dr John Caine, local GP and chair at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "There are thousands of people living with a long-term health condition in West Lancashire and we want to make sure that people with these illnesses have a good Christmas and New Year, and don't face the issue of running out of their much-needed medication.

"Patient Access makes managing your repeat prescriptions easier as you can do this from the comfort of your own home using the Patient Access website or smartphone app.

"If you are using it for the first time though, you will need to register to use the app by contacting your GP practice."

On the topic of using technology to help manage health, Dr Caine added: "Technology continues to aid some people in managing their day-to-day health. We appreciate that not everyone will be computer literate or have access to the Internet so there continues to be alternative more traditional ways of communicating with your GP practice and managing your health.

"However, we really encourage anyone who has the Internet and a smartphone to try Patient Access.

"We know that many people find the pace of life very busy and enjoy immediate easy ways of getting information they need, and many of us rely heavily on apps for all sorts of things, including our health.

"Ordering repeat prescriptions through Patient Access is now simply a few clicks at a time to suit them. Patients can also use the tool to book appointments and view their own personal medical records."

Meanwhile the CCG is also reminding residents of other services to help them stay healthy over the Christmas and New Year period.

Pharmacies: These can offer free, confidential and expert advice about minor health concerns.

Online Access: Trusted advice and information is available by visiting www.nhs.uk.

NHS 111: When you need medical help or advice fast, but it is not a 999 emergency, call NHS 111 service free from mobile or landline

GP: GPs are open in core hours during the day, although local practice times may vary.

Extended Access: Local GPs are available evenings/weekend, seven days a week, 365 days-a-year. To book an appointment, call your GP practice or visit www.nhs.uk/GPaccess.

GP out-of-hours: You can still speak to a GP even after their practice has closed by using the GP out-of-hours service. To access this service, simply call NHS 111 or visit www.111.nhs.uk.

Dental: For emergency treatment when the dentist is closed, call 0300 123 4010.

Walk-in Centre and Urgent Treatment Centre: Both centres can treat minor injuries and ailments, and are open seven days a week, 365 days a year 8am to 8pm. For the Urgent Treatment Centre at Ormskirk Hospital, Wigan Road, call 111 for an appointment.

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Thoughtful workers have given a boost to my faith in human nature

PRESENTLY I'm sitting in the middle of a building site - or more accurately a re-building site - which is my once and future home.

In fact, I am more or less confined to the front room of my house while workmen are busy throwing out the old and preparing for the new just about everywhere else. One major problem is that since yesterday the kitchen has been a no-go area as a new floor was being put in, although it's a far lesser problem for me personally than for the dogs, Tina and Cinders who cannot gain access to my large back garden.

Which, of course, does create a problem for me too since at present they cannot frolic unhindered there, so have to be taken for two extra walks each day to do the necessities of doggy life

The upshot being that here I am surrounded by dogs, a camping gas stove, a bottled gas heater and since, there is no electricity, various battery lanterns.

But hey up! Even as I typed that, a gentleman poked his head round the door to say the kitchen floor is now complete and the pathway to their heaven is now open for the dogs once again - or at least it will be when they finish for today at about 3pm.

So one problem sorted at least

Now all that remains is a general tidying-up and some approximation of normal life restoration. An exaggeration perhaps, there is still the small matter of a complete rewiring (an electrician is coming in two days' time) and the delivery of a new cooker and fridge-freezer. But, hey ho, what would seem like big things seem to be a tad smaller after the privations of the past three days.

One shining light throughout all this has been the work people concerned. They have given me hot drinks, supplied me with a flask of coffee for the evening and just now presented me with a highly desirable warm pasty. From the word 'go' everyone concerned has been helpful, polite and above all cheerful. My faith in human nature has received a distinct bunk-up throughout the whole operation so far.

Not so my cheap and cheerful mobile phone. I was told to expect a call from whoever is supplying the necessary white goods for my soon-to-be-restored kitchen. I'm pretty sure it arrived while I was talking to the workers but apparently whoever it was did not want to leave any intelligible message and my phone was no help either. Still, if that were the chief of all my worries and concerns at the moment I'd have little to complain about.

You may not believe this, but just as I finished typing that last sentence, this chappie phoned and will now be bringing cooker, fridge-freezer and washing machine on Friday (that's last Friday to you). Perhaps that's the secret of getting things done, just say they aren't being and hey presto the cavalry appears from over the hill.

So now, all that remains really is to get the rewiring done. The electrician is also visiting on Friday and can hopefully start work very soon, so it looks like a happy Christmas with a properly-cooked Christmas lunch thrown in. I still have some regret that my planned trip to my boat in Norfolk for Christmas will not now be possible, but there is always next year.

Anyway, perhaps, like Scrooge, I have learned a valuable lesson from my trials and tribulations. And that is, not just at Christmas but throughout the year, it pays in so many ways to be helpful, kind and considerate to everyone you happen across.

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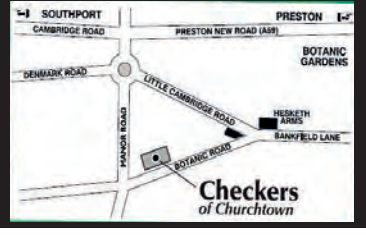

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Sunday 22nd December 6:30pm
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Sunday 22nd December

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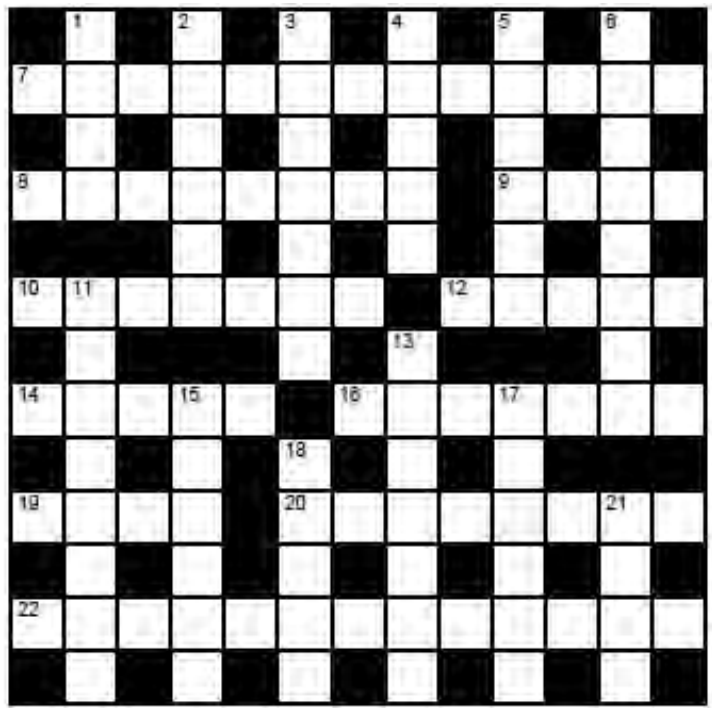

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Across: 7. Ghetto. 8. Eyelet. 9. Snow. 10. Latchkey. 11. Gravity. 13. Radar. 15. First. 17. Hive off. 20. Shrug off. 21. Doom. 22. Sleaze. 23. Except.
Down: 1. Shiner. 2. Stow. 3. Jollity. 4. Hefty. 5. Rephrase. 6. Peseta. 12. Vascular. 14. Biofuel. 16. Inhale. 18. Floppy. 19. Sober. 21 Dock.

ACROSS

7. Punctuation used to mark the beginning and end of a title or quoted passage (9,4)
8. Machine for applying a combination of heat and pressure to give a smooth surface to paper (3, 5)
9. A mound or ridge of sand or other loose sediment formed by the wind (4)
10. Inspiring or deserving affection (7)
12. Not moving or making a sound (5)
14. A feeling of deep anxiety or dread (5)
16. Within a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle (7)
19 The physical structure, including the bones, flesh, and organs, of a person or an animal (4)
20 Intermittently (2, 3, 3)
22. Biblical reference to God as the beginning and the end of all things (5, 3, 5)

DOWN

1. Unarmed combat sport derived from ju-jitsu (4)
2. An imagined place or state of things in which everything is perfect (6)
3. By a very large or sudden amount (7)
4. The trunk of the human body (5)
5. Being surrounded by something (6)
6. Resembling or consisting of small grains or particles (8)
11. Acts that harm your own interests (3, 5)
13. Awkward, clumsy (7)
15. Agricultural tool for cutting crops such as corn (6)
17. Condition characterised by an excess of watery fluid collecting in the cavities or tissues of the body (6)
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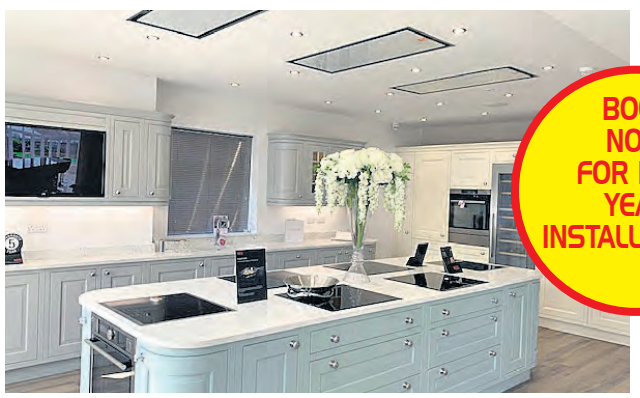

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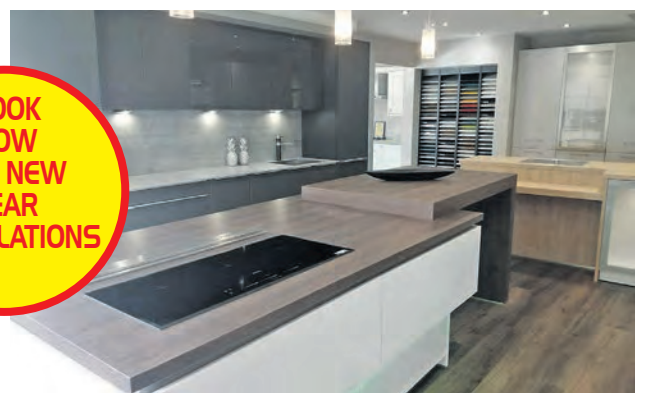

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Don't let festive scammers wreck your Christmas

I RECENTLY watched 'Cold Call' on Channel 5.

It is a very interesting programme about scamming and trying to recover money stolen by phone scams.

It showed how phone callers are trained to extract personal information from their victims by encouraging co-operation and is a warning to us all.

This week, I would like to give readers some more guidance on scam avoidance as we approach the festive season.

In my last column I mentioned the meeting run by Sefton Safeguarding Governance, telling residents' supporters about scams of all kinds, and how to watch out for them. National Trading Standards presented us with a list of main scams which include Advance Fee: Do not pay up-front fee on the promise of a larger amount in return (eg HMRC or Universal Credit scam).

Then there is Investment fraud where victims are pressed into non-existent 'investments' by unregistered companies. Genuine companies do not cold-call.

Our advice is to always to check that a company is registered before considering any investment in bonds etc. The most regular scam attempt that we all hear about is Computer software fraud: Phone calls offering a 'fix' for your computer over the internet are frauds. Do not give access to your computer to anyone who cold calls you.

We were also reminded about Romance Fraud: Online dating to gain your affections and then to 'borrow' money. *NEVER* give your personal details or send money to people you have not met!

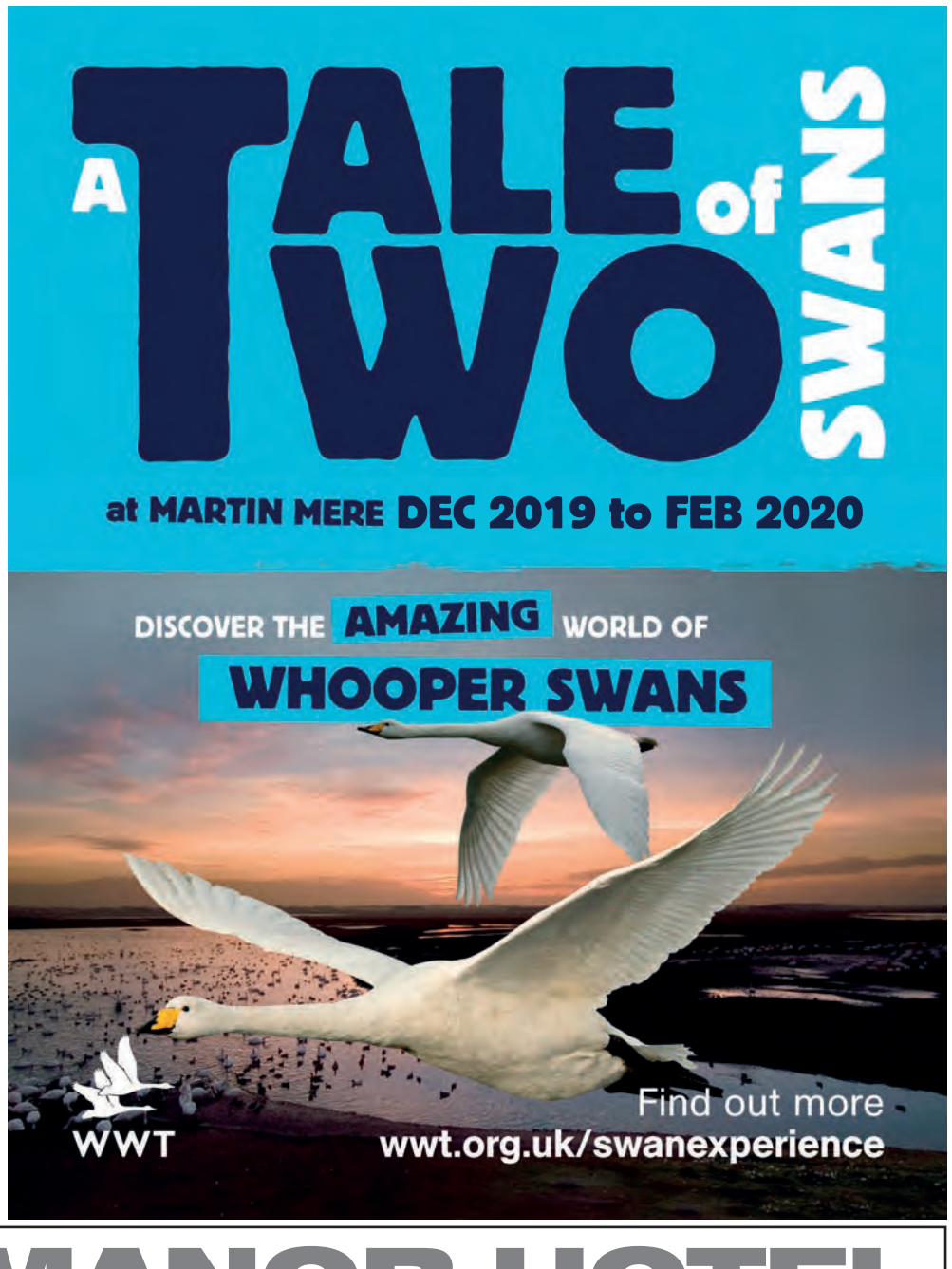
Our Citizens Advice colleagues in Chichester reported a story of a client who was a great-grandmother who gave almost £8,000 to a man called Harry who wooed her with chocolates, flowers and birthday champagne before conning her into sending money to him via Western Union 'to help pay for an operation and to replace a stolen passport and wallet'. Our advice is never give your personal details or send money to people you have not met. Citizens Advice Sefton has a general telephone service on 0344 493 0012, or you can visit either of our local advice centres. Opening days and times are shown on our website http://sefton-cab.org.uk/our-services.html

Over Christmas/New Year our telephone advice service will not be available from Tuesday, December 24 to Wednesday, January 1 (inclusive). The Citizens Advice National phone-line 03444 111 444 will be open as follows:

December 24: 9am-12.30pm
December 27, 30: 9am-17pm
December 31: 9am-12.30pm

The public service website is available at www.citizensadvice.org.uk

For our readers in West Lancashire, Citizens Advice West Lancashire can be contacted at their advice centre in Unit 47, Concourse Shopping Centre, Skelmersdale which is open Monday to Friday 9.30a.m to 4.00p.m (telephone 0344 245 1294).You can also report scams to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk



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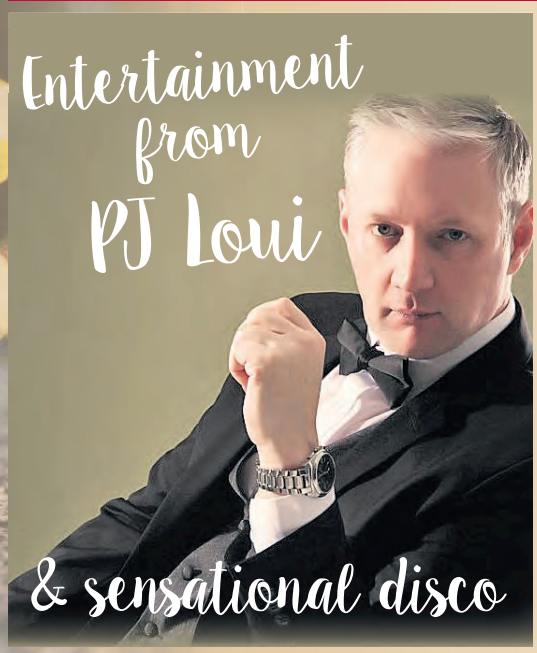

Menu

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SOUP COURSE
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(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

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DEATHS

McCALMONT-WOODS EILEEN MARY

2nd December 2019

Sadly aged 88 years.

Beloved Wife of Charles Anthony (Tony), Mother of Alison and Nick and Grandmother of Isabella. Funeral Mass at St George's Church, Station Road, Maghull, Liverpool on Wednesday December 18th 2019 at 10:00am followed by burial at Thornton Garden Of Rest, Lydiate Lane, Thornton. Flowers or if desired, donations for The R.N.I.B.
All further enquiries to Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, Liverpool. L31 5JB. Tel: 0151 520 3330.

DEATHS

MYERS SONIA

December 1st 2019

Sadly aged 85 years.

Reunited with her beloved Husband Tom. A much loved Mum, Grandma, Sister, Aunt, Mother in law and friend. Funeral service and cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Friday December 20th 2019 at 1:20pm. By request, please wear something colourful to celebrate Sonia's life. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired for St Joseph's Hospice, Thornton.
All further enquiries to Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull. L31 5JB. Tel: 0151 520 3330.

DEATHS

THOMPSON MARGARET OLIVE

Passed away peacefully 30th November 2019 at Stocks Hall Care Home, Ormskirk Aged 95 years

Dearly loved Mum and Grandma. Funeral Service and interment at Ormskirk Parish Church on Thursday 12th December 2019 at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please by request and donations if so desired for Dementia UK.

Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888.

DEATHS

TURTON SHEILA

30th November 2019 Peacefully in hospital aged 79 years

Loving Wife of the late Alan. Devoted Mum of Nigel and Craig, dear Mother in law of Sue and Sonia and a cherished Grandma of James, Andrew, Nadia and Joel. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service and interment will take place at St Pauls Church on Friday 13th December at 1pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired are yet to be decided. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

DINELEY KEITH

25th November 2019 Suddenly at home aged 53 years

Loving Son of Bill. Devoted Dad of John Paul and Ross. Dear Brother of Paul, Lisa and Craig. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 16th December at 1.45pm and then return to the Jynx Bar, Witham Road, Skelmersdale for refreshments and to share memories of Keith. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for M.I.N.D. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

GRIFFITHS PAULINE ELISE

27th November 2019 Passed away peacefully aged 69 years

Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Monday 16th December 2019 at 1.00pm. No flowers by request but donations if so desired for the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 424888.

WAREING VALERIE ANN (VAL)

7th December 2019 Passed away peacefully at home aged 71 years of Burscough

Beloved Wife of the late Dave. Much loved Mum of Debbie and Tracy, Dear Mother-in-law of Peter and Devoted Nan to Andrew and Thomas. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough, on Thursday 19th December at 1.45pm.

Further enquiries please to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough. Tel: 01704 891555.

CHILDS PATRICIA ANNE

28th November 2019 Peacefully at home aged 84 years

Loving Wife of the late Bob. Devoted Dad of Stephen, Ian and Joanne. Dear Mother in law of Julia, Louise and Tony. Cherished Nan of all her Grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 13th December at 3.15pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if deired for the British Heart Foundation or Diabetes UK. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

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DEATHS

NELSON ERIC

6th December 2019 Age 84 Years

Loving Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad passed away peacefully at home in the arms of his loving family Eric will be missed by all who knew him

Funeral service to be held at St John The Evangelist RC Church, Presbytery, Chapel Lane, Burscough, L40 7RA on Tuesday 17th December at 11.30am.

Donations to Queenscourt Hospice

Further enquiries to David Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Telephone: 01772 811165

DEATHS

CROMPTON MAY (MAISIE) (née Sergeant)

December 5th 2019

Peacefully at Beeches Nursing Home, Maghull aged 89 years

Much loved Wife of Dennis. Loving Mum to Pamela and Andrew. Loving Grandma to Adam and Harry. Dear Mother in law to Donna. Sister to David, Jean and Lily. Funeral service at St Thomas' Church, Rock Lane, Melling on Friday December 20th 2019 at 10:15am followed by Cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired for Alzheimers Society. All further enquiries to Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull. L31 5JB. Tel: 0151 520 3330

DEATHS

TICKLE MARY MURIEL

Passed away 22nd November 2019

Aged 89 years

Devoted Wife to Alex. Dearly loved Mum to Carol and Mother-in-law to Bill. Loving Granny to Suzanne and Sharon and Great Granny to Jarrod and Marin. Grandmother-in-Law to Gary. Auntie to all her Nieces and Nephews and their families. Will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends. The funeral service will take place at Holy Trinity Church Formby on Monday 16th December at 14.30 followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium at 16.00. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to Coyne Bros, Old Mill Lane, Formby L37 3PE. Tel: 01704 873899.

DEATHS

SEDDON ERIC

Died after a long illness peacefully in hospital on 27th November 2019 aged 84 years

Dearly beloved Husband to Chrissy. Much loved Dad to Julie, Stan, Joanne and Lucy. Loving Granddad of Kieron, Ryan, Millie and Bradley. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Spencers Lane, Skelmersdale, WN8 9JS on Friday 13th December 2019 at 10:45am, followed by Committal in West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin St, Ormskirk L40 7SP. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Ward 9b Southport Hospital Further enquiries please to: Ormskirk Funeralcare, 22c Wigan Road, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L39 2AU. Tel: 01695 577244

RUGEN GEORGE ALEXANDER

5th December 2019 Aged 93 Years

Loving Husband of the late Marjorie (Margo). Much loved Dad of Malcolm and Alex. Cherished Grandad to all of his Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

George will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. ''Reunited with Margo'' Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 19th December at 2:40pm. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

FAIRHURST REVD. DAVID WESLEY

On 6th December 2019 Peacefully in Hospital with his family by his side Aged 72 Years

Beloved Husband of Anne, proud and loving Dad of Julie, John, Alan and Mark, and a dearly loved Father in law and Gdad.

Funeral service will take place at Victoria Methodist Church on Thursday 19th December at 11.30am, followed by the committal at Southport Crematorium.

Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

MCCORMICK NOBBY

2nd December 2019 "Nobby the Rubbish"

Great Dad & Grandad, Great Husband and all round top bloke. A bit of a legend truth be told. Passed peacefully at home with his family. Sadly missed. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 13th December at 10.00am. Flowers and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter. MLS Independent Funeral Directors. 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888

FAIRCLOUGH EILEEN PHILOMENA

After a short illness suddenly at home on Wednesday 27th November 2019 aged 87 years

Dearly beloved Wife of the late John. Eileen will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and all who knew her. Requiem Mass will take place at St John the Evangelist Church, Chapel Lane, Burscough on Monday 16th December 2019 at 11am, followed by burial in the churchyard. Any donations are being gratefully received by the family for The National Tremor Foundation. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

DEATHS

HUDSON
DR DONALD CAMPBELL

MB ChB DObst RCOG

Peacefully on Sunday 1st December 2019 aged 93 years

Dearly loved Husband of Barrie for 63 years. Very dear Father of David, Peter and Tim, Grandfather of Ben, Isabel and Edmund and Brother of Ian. Funeral service at St James, Westhead, Ormskirk at 11.30am on 17th December. Family flowers only but if desired donations to RNLI.
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PARKINSON MARION

On 2nd December 2019

Passed away peacefully

Aged 87 Years

Loving Wife of Richard. Much loved Mum of Peter, Janet and Brian. Dear Mother in law of Diane, Gary and Anita. Greatly loved Grandma and Great Grandma. Marion will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Banks Methodist Church on Monday 16th December at 10.15am, followed by the committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Banks Methodist Church. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport PR9 9TG, Tel:01704 214118

UNSWORTH CAROL ANN

Peacefully on 30th November 2019 in Southport Hospital aged 77 years

Much loved Mum of Julie and Elaine, dear Mother in law to Jamie and Richard. Loving Nan to William, Elisabeth, Cameron, Grace, Hannah and Joe. A funeral service will take place on Thursday 19th December 2019 at Upholland Parish Church at 2.30pm. Followed by committal at St Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Alder Hey Childrens Hospital. c/o and All enquiries to W. Banks Sefton Villa, Sefton Road, Orrell WN5 8UP Tel: 01695 622272

WALBANK KEVIN

Passed away on 1st December 2019 aged 69 years

Dearly Loved Father of Nicola, Jennifer and Michael, Beloved Brother of Michael (deceased), Sharon and David. Grandad Biff to Heidi, Joe, Jacob, Sam and Daisy. Loving Friend to Pat. Will be greatly missed by all who knew him and held him dear. "We would welcome friends of past and present to help celebrate his life with us" Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Tuesday 17th December 2019 at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please by request but donations if so desired for The British Heart Foundation and The Circulation Foundation.

Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888.

KEGGIN RAYMOND JAMES

2nd December 2019 Peacefully in Aaron Crest Nursing Home aged 89 years

Loving Husband of the late Lillian. Devoted Dad of Raymond, Lillian and Christine. Dear Father in law of Susan, Tony and Joseph. Cherished Grandad and Great Grandad of all his Grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at ST. Helens Crematorium on Friday 13th December at 11am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Dementia UK. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

HART EILEEN (ELLEN) NEE REID

24th November 2019 passed away peacefully in Southport Hospital of Ormskirk

The Dearly Loved Wife of Michael, Beloved Mother of Michael, Christopher, Stephen and Kevin. Loved and missed by her Daughter in laws Wendy and Jenny, Devoted Grandmother to Rhiannon and Olivia. She will be loved and missed by all her family and friends and all those who knew her. Requiem Mass at St.Annes Church, Ormskirk on Friday 13th December 2019 at 12 noon, followed by Interment at Yew Tree Cemetery, Liverpool. Family flowers only please by request. Donations to Jospice Thornton and MacMillan Nurses are being gratefully received.

Further enquiries please contact, Anabel Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888

MADDOCK LYNDA

3rd December 2019

Age 71 Years

Passed away peacefully at District General Hospital Southport 'Sadly Missed But Never Forgotten' Funeral service and committal to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin St, Burscough, L40 7SP on Friday 13th December at 1.45pm. Informal dress please Donations to Cancer Research UK.

Further enquiries to David Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Telephone: 01772 811165

RIMMER JEAN

Peacefully at home on Sunday 8th December

Loving Wife of the late Gerald. Mum of Linda, David & Janet. Mother In Law to David, Alyson & Bruce Devoted Grandma to Catherine, Laura, Sarah, Emily, Charlotte, Nicholas & Jonathon & Nanna to Great Grandson Fredrick

Further enquiries to David Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Telephone: 01772 811165

GARRY JOAN

6th December 2019 Peacefully in Queenscourt Hospice aged 79 years

Devoted Mum of Nigel and Kathryn. Dear Mother in law of Andrew. Cherished Grandma of Emily, Imogen and Adam. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Funeral details and further enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

DEATHS

CARTER KEITH ERNEST JAMES

30th November 2019

Aged 92 years

Died peacefully in Southport Hospital. Loving Father to Adele, Son-in-Law Peter, Grandchildren Lisa and Steven and Great-Grandchildren Daniel and Joshua. Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium Chapel on Tuesday 17th December at 11:30am followed by interment at Duke Street Cemetery. Flowers are welcome or donations to Queenscourt Hospice if preferred. All enquires to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086

McMINN TERENA

RETIRED SERGEANT P.M.R.A.F.N.S

30th November 2019

Peacefully at home aged 75 years, with her family beside her.

Dearly beloved Wife of Alan Wooler. Terena will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 18th December 2019 at 2:30pm. Family flowers only please but if so desired donations can be made to Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and all enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ. Tel 01704 212714.

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DEATHS

TOWNLEY VIOLET EVE

Peacefully passed away at Abbeywood Lodge 29th November 2019

Loving Wife of the late Roy Townley. Much loved Mum of Pam and Wendy, Son-in-laws Steve and Dave. Much loved Granny to Mark, Peter, Amy and Richard. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Alzheimers Society. Funeral at West Lancashire Crematorium at 1pm on Thursday 19th December 2019. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY Tel:01695 572997

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Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 15 PUBLICITY FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2019/0028
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - PROPOSED LAND RESTORATION AND REGRADING WORKS USING INERT MATERIAL, ASSOCIATED HIGHWAY WORKS INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY PUBLIC CAR PARK AT FORMER PARBOLD HILL QUARRY PARBOLD HILL PARBOLD
I give notice that Maybrook Investments Ltd has submitted amended proposals further to the original planning application submitted on 5th June 2019.
The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area.
Members of the public may inspect copies of the amended planning application at Lancashire County Council, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council, Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 4 January 2020.The amended application can also be viewed on the County Council's website **planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk**
Anyone who wishes to make representations about the application should write to the County Council by 4 January 2020 at the above address, via email DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website.
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Information regarding the decision will be available on the website within 5 working days of the decision. Details on how to speak at the Development Control Committee are also available on the web page
Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 11 December 2019

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U49413 Aughton Park Drive, Aughton from Beaumont Crescent, Aughton to for a distance of 40m in a South Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Wednesday 18th December 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U49413 Aughton Park Drive, Aughton – Black Moss Lane, Aughton – C123 Long Lane, Aughton – U49413 Aughton Park Drive, Aughton and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow routine maintenance works on the sewer network to be carried out by Amey on behalf of United Utilities.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21184/EW]

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IT'S not often someone who owns a 1970s dinosaur of a car, powered by a three-litre V6 knocking back a gallon of unleaded every 23 miles, agrees with a group researching ways to make Britain a leaner, greener, zero carbon emissions country.

Yet, for once, I'm completely in agreement with the scientists at the UK Energy Research Centre – we really do, as a nation, have to go easy on the Range Rover Evoques and the Audi Q3s. Lay off the new Nissan Juke and the second-gen Ford Kuga a bit. Oh, and definitely have a gentle chat with anyone thinking of chucking more than £44,000 on a BMW X4.

You'll have noticed something all of the aforementioned beasts of burden have in common; they're all SUVs, off-roaders, crossovers, or whatever lifestyle-orientated name they've been given this week. The UK Energy Research Centre's argument is that because they now account for just a fifth of the nation's new car sales – as opposed to 13.5 per cent just three years ago – hauling around all that extra weight is completely undermining the do-gooders currently buying 44,000 zero emissions motors a year.

Professor Jillian Anable, the group's co-director, said: "The rapid uptake of unnecessarily large and energy consuming vehicles just in the past few years makes a mockery of UK policy efforts towards the 'Road to Zero'" - the last bit referring to the Government's aim of making Britain net carbon neutral by 2050.

My beef with these cars – and I choose my words carefully, as I dearly hope the UKERC doesn't have the same wrath towards the 1977 Reliant Scimitar GTE – is that almost all of these SUVs are nothing of the sort. They're front-wheel-drive, aren't designed to venture up muddy tracks and don't do anything a Vauxhall Astra can't do. If you need more space, get a Combo Life. Only you won't, because it looks like a van with windows rather than a trendy off-roader.

Virtually every new car I borrow is a bloated, high-riding relation of a much better hatchback that's been cruelly forgotten by the wider market. I've no problem with *proper* 4x4s that actually go off-road – I grew up in a family that lives and breathes old Land Rovers – but ones pretending otherwise and wasting fuel and resources in the process aren't doing us any favours.

For ages, I've been resigned to it being a relentless march up the new car sales chart that wipes out lesser spotted species in the process (see the critically endangered small coupé, and the extinct-in-the-wild large MPV), but I reckon in a few years crossovers will start to look desperately unfashionable and it'll be Greta Thunberg and the march of the green movement behind it. It's hard enough to justify something like, say, a BMW 3-Series in a world where single use plastic bags are taboo, so turning the same car into a thirstier, higher-riding crossover just seems to be prime ammo for the anti-car lobby.

So don't make your next buy a Skoda Karoq – make it an Octavia instead, which looks much nicer, will drive far better and be just as practical.

Just don't follow my example and make it a three-litre 1970s sports car. Otherwise, we're all stuffed…

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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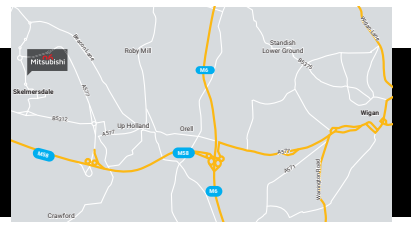

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Jaguar's new nose has passing resemblance to electric car

JAGUAR has given its F-type sports car a new look. Behind the new nose – which has a passing resemblance to the I-Pace electric car – there's a choice of either a four-cylinder petrol engine or two V8s, although there's no longer a V6 model on either.

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Right: Car firm chiefs have given the F-type a new front end

Ford has taken inspiration from the classic Mustang for its new electric car

Mustang has styling similar to the American sports car

AN ELECTRIC off-roader inspired by Ford's Mustang is heading to showrooms across the North West next year.

Ford's Mustang Mach-E has styling similar to the American sports car, but the new offering is a five-door model, and uses electric motors powered by lithium cell batteries rather than the two-door Mustang's V8 for power.

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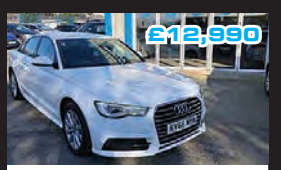

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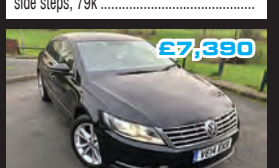

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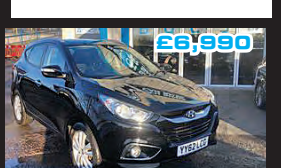

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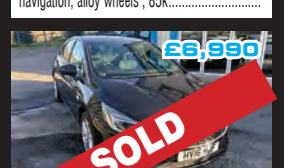

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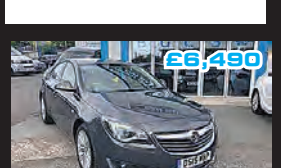

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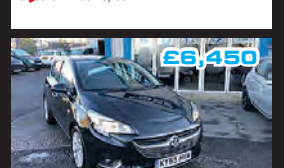

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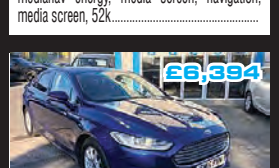

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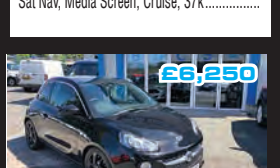

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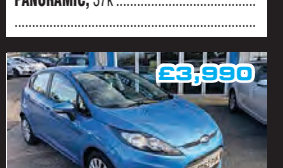

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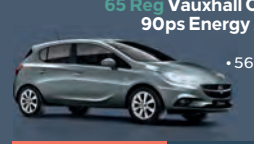

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CORSA 1.4 SE 5 DR 16 REG 33,000 miles in flame red, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen – FSH & supplied by ourselves - £30 road tax..... **£6,995**

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*** MOKKA X 1.6 DESIGN NAV 5 DR 17 REG** 17,000 miles in burnt orange metallic, SAT NAV, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, DAB radio, front & rear park assist, climate – FSH..... **£10,995**

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*** VW GOLF 1.5 SE NAV TSi 5 DR 68 REG** 8,000 miles in tornado red, SAT NAV, alloys, cruise, aircon, front & rear park assist – balance of 3 yr VW warranty **£16,495**

*** AUDI Q3 1.4 SE 5 DR 66 REG** 13,000 miles in grey metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, DAB radio, climate, rear park assist - FSH..... **DUE IN £16,395**

*** BMW X1 2.0 18d xLINE sDRIVE 5 DR 16 REG** 21,000 miles in white with cream leather & heated front seats, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, aircon, DAB radio, rear park assist - FSH, £20 road tax..... **£16,150**

*** BMW 2 SERIES 218d LUXURY 2.0 TD (DIESEL) AUTO 5 DR 67 REG** 15,000 miles in grey metallic, SAT NAV, cream leather, Bluetooth, DAB radio, alloys, rear park assist, aircon – FSH and balance of 3 year BMW warranty..... **£15,995**

*** AUDI A4 1.4 SE TFSi 4 DR 67 REG** 17,000 miles in white, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, climate, front & rear park assist – balance of 3 yr Audi warranty **£15,695**

*** FORD KUGA 1.5 T ZETEC ECOBOOST 120 5 DR 19 REG with APPEARANCE PACK** 10,000 miles in magnetic grey metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, DAB radio, heated front screen, aircon and balance of 3 year Ford warranty **£14,995**

*** HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.6 SE NAV GDi (PETROL) 5 DR 18 REG** 5,000 miles in grey metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, climate, cruise, heated front seats, rear park assist & camera - FSH & balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty..... **£14,995**

*** HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.6 SE NAV GDi (PETROL) 5 DR 18 REG** 14,000 miles in cherry red metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, climate, cruise, heated front seats, rear park assist & camera - FSH & balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty..... **£13,995**

*** RENAULT KADJAR 1.3 TCE (PETROL) ENERGY DYNAMIQUE S NAV 5 DR 68 REG** 13,000 miles in mercury silver metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, front & rear park assist, DAB radio, alloys, cruise, balance of 3 year Renault warranty..... **£13,695**

*** PEUGEOT 2008 1.2 ALLURE PREMIUM 5 DR 19 REG** just 1,000 miles in grey metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, aircon, panoramic roof, cruise, DAB radio, rear park assist & camera – balance of 3 yr Peugeot warranty..... **£13,295**

*** HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 SE NAV CRDi 5 DR 66 REG** 22,000 miles in inca beach metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, climate, cruise, DAB radio, alloys, heated front seats, reverse camera – balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty, FSH & £30 road tax and 12 months MOT **£12,795**

HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 SE NAV CRDi 5 DR 66 REG 29,000 miles in grey metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, climate, cruise, heated front seats, rear park assist & camera - £30 road tax – FSH & balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty..... **£12,395**

*** RENAULT CAPTUR 0.9 TCe ICONIC 5 DR 68 REG** 9,000 miles in flame red metallic with black roof, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, rear park assist, climate, cruise, space saver wheel – balance of 3 yr Renault warranty..... **£11,495**

*** AUDI A1 1.0 SPORT TFSi 5 DR 66 REG** 26,000 miles in white, Bluetooth, DAB radio, aircon – FSH & £0 road tax..... **£11,295**

*** RENAULT KADJAR 1.2 TCe DYNAMIQUE NAV 5 DR 66 REG** 11,000 miles in mercury silver metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, climate, cruise – FSH..... **£11,250**

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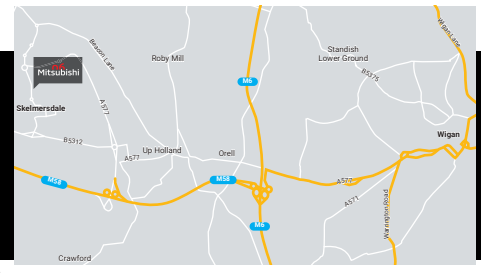

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United suffer narrow defeat to high-fliers Longridge

Longridge Town 1
Skelmersdale United 0

Paul McNally.

SKELMERSDALE were unlucky to suffer a narrow loss at high-fliers Longridge Town on Saturday, *writes Simon Driscoll.*

Paul McNally handed a debut to Simon Woodford in defence while fellow new signing Joe Herbert was named on the bench in a squad with just one change due an injury to Cameron Glennon.

The first chance for the afternoon saw Scott Harries evade the defence and force a low save from Ben Barnes from an angle before Jack Grimshaw fired over the bar at the other end.

Town went close again as a combination of Harries and John-Jo Morris found Elliot Pond who slotted a chance which was deflected past the far post.

Pond should have opened the scoring from the next attack as a looping cross from Harries saw the Town striker hit over with the goal at his mercy.

Town's threat continued as Pond picked out the run of Dan Birch who sent an angled shot past the post before doing the same minutes later as a rebound after Barnes had parried a long range shot from Brad Wicks with the sides remaining level into the half-time interval.

United looked to have made a perfect start to the second half with the ball in the net within minutes of the restart, Emini Adegbenro tapping in Richard Brodie's goalbound shot from an offside position meant the sides remained level.

At the other end, Dan Wilkinson drew a low stop from Barnes from close range.

A pacy run saw Adegbenro advance on goal and draw a low stop from Lee Dovey with a powerful shot while at the other end, Barnes tipped a dangerous free-kick from Wicks over the bar before watching a Wicks effort from distance sail wide of the target.

The hosts broke the deadlock on 62 minutes as clever play on the right wing saw Birch cross to the far post for Morris to connect and hit into the net for 1-0.

United's response saw Jordan Tyrer hit over the target from distance before Wilkinson drew a low save from Barnes with an effort on the edge of the area.

Both sides had minor opportunistic on goal as the half went on before a late rally from United saw both Alex Griffiths and Jack Grimshaw registered efforts which were blocked by the home defence.

The final whistle was greeted happily by the home fans as they returned to winning ways while United showed yet again that they are improving with a narrow defeat to a side chasing promotion.

Conor Christiansen put Burscough in front.

Linnets set to face tough battle to avoid the drop

Barnoldswick Town 4
Burscough 2

Burscough's fight against relegation goes on and it could be a tough one, writes Neil Leatherbarrow after Saturday.

The teams behind them in the North West Counties Premier Division continue to pick up points and although Nick Matthews's team held the lead in East Lancashire on Saturday for almost half the game, they still returned home pointless.

The Linnets were dealt a blow before the game had even started when forward Chris Lomax who had taken part in the pre-match warm up was declared unfit before the kick-off.

Within four minutes of the start, however, Burscough were a goal up, right side forward Conor Christiansen scoring the goal.

Although Barnoldswick gradually started to gain more of the possession they were not unduly worrying Linnets goalkeeper Dave Jones.

An Alex Ralph free-kick caused some danger for Burscough, but down the other end the hosts only survived thanks to a tremendous last gasp challenge.

The Linnets were defending well and they great to see off a cross from attacking left-back Jake McEneaney.

Keeper Jones made a brace of saves from Ric Seear one from another McEneaney cross the second from a shot by the number nine.

Just when it seemed as Burscough would go into the interval in front, Barnoldswick netted deep into added time after Seear crossed and Ralph poked the ball home at the far post.

The hosts came out after the break in a determined mood and by the 63rd minute the game was effectively all over.

Three goals in fifteen minutes made it 4-1 - and just to exacerbate the situation for Burscough they were now down to ten men thanks to a red card.

McEneaney struck on 47 minutes after he made a superb solo run, then six minutes later Seear converted from another cross into the Linnets' goalmouth.

In between Burscough were only prevented from equalising by a good save by home goalkeeper Jack Little.

Joe Noblet made it 4-1 on 63 minutes.

Although Burscough fought on the best they could muster was a goal from new signing Conor Ready fourteen minutes from the end.

Burscough's fight against relegation could be a tough one, only one team will be relegated but they are now level on points with bottom placed Litherland REMYCA, with a better goal difference.

Results need to improve pretty soon.

In the Linnets favour is that they are doing better performance wise but it is wins and draws they require not just performances.

Both local teams under pressure to pick up points

NORTH West Counties Premier Division basement team Litherland Remyca picked up a point at Whitchurch Alport on Monday night meaning they are now on level points with Burscough but have played a game less.

The Linnets have a chance to pick up some much-needed points themselves on Saturday when they themselves host Whitchurch Alport.

Skelmersdale, who are four points clear of Burscough and one place above them in the table, with a game in hand were due to host Rylands last night (Tuesday) and are at home again on Saturday to Squires Gate

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14	Congleton Town	16	5	3	8	31	33	-2	18
15	Squires Gate	18	5	2	11	27	45	-18	17
16	Hanley Town	16	4	4	8	18	29	-11	16
17	Padiham	17	4	2	11	16	34	-18	14
18	Skelmersdale United	17	3	4	10	23	32	-9	13
19	Burscough	18	2	3	13	14	45	-31	9
20	Litherland REMYCA	17	1	6	10	11	52	-41	9

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Cabinet approves a winter plan for county's social care services

Authority outlines measures to cope with extra pressures on health system at this time of year

LANCASHIRE County Council's cabinet has approved a winter plan for the authority's adult social care services.

The plan sets out how the county council will manage services up until March 31, 2020 to cope with the extra pressures on the health and social care system throughout this time of year.

It aims to ensure people have the support they need to stay well over winter, avoid unnecessary hospital admissions and reduce delays caused when people are discharged from hospital into social care.

Some of the measures in place include:

• An extra social work team to help the council cope with the surges in demand for assessments, which can happen in parts of the county over winter.

• Increasing the crisis and reablement services to ensure people get support to help them live independently.

• Extending the Home First scheme, where people receive discharge assessments in their home rather than a hospital ward to improve care support and help free up hospital beds.

Louise Taylor: "Plan is crucial to ensure people get support they need."

• Increasing capacity in the home night time support and 24/7 mental health support services.

Parts of the plan have already been operating since the beginning of October.

Executive director for adult services, health and wellbeing, Louise Taylor, said: "There are always extra pressures on the health and social care system at this time of year and the winter plan is crucial in helping us to ensure people continue to get the support they need to stay fit and well.

"We've worked closely with partner organisations to ensure people have the best care to support them to live independently, prevent them needing hospital treatment and ensure people are not unnecessarily taking up hospital beds because of social care delays.

"We'll continue to monitor the situation very closely to ensure we make the best use of the extra resources over Christmas and the weeks that follow."

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